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Baltimore Man Convicted of Armed Robbery of Casino Patron

A 21-year-old Baltimore man has pleaded guilty to the armed robbery of a casino patron after following him to his Columbia home. Khalil Mohammadi, of the 100 block of N. Clinton Street, pleaded guilty in Howard County Circuit Court yesterday.

Shortly after midnight on January 11, police were dispatched to the 6300 block of Bright Plume Court where the victim stated he was approached by four men who robbed him, at gunpoint, of his wallet, keys and \$4,800 cash—most of which were winning proceeds from Live! Casino in Anne Arundel County. Assistant State's Attorney Colleen McGuinn told the court that the casino's video surveillance showed two men following the victim from the cashier's window, through the casino and into the parking garage. McGuinn stated that the victim was prepared to testify that Mohammadi was one of two suspects who rode a casino elevator with him, on the way to the garage, where cameras recorded the license plate of Mohammadi's vehicle as it followed the victim's Volkswagen.

Judge William V. Tucker set a sentencing date of November 8. Mohammadi is facing similar charges of robbery plus assault in a Baltimore County involving a patron of Horseshoe Casino Baltimore. Mohammadi's co-defendant in the Howard County case—Hayman Rajab Abdulrahman, also of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to a single count of armed robbery on August 8 and was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

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